

HOUSE BILL 7013

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5701, is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of subsection (a):

The department shall provide training through the academy that enables principals and supervisors in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve (pre-K-12) education to assist teachers in improving student literacy at all grade levels and in all coursework.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-107(e), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

The commission's reports due by January 1, 2022, and by June 30, 2022, shall include findings concerning student learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. The commission shall make recommendations in its reports for addressing the student learning loss and course access and providing opportunities for additional coursework.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d)(2)(F), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

Notwithstanding subdivisions (d)(2)(B)(ii) and (iii), for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years, student growth evaluation composites generated by assessments administered in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years shall be excluded from the student growth measure of a teacher's evaluation, as specified in subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii), unless including the composites results in a higher evaluation score for the teacher.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-602(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, student performance and student growth data from Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests, which include, but are not limited to, TNReady assessments, English learner assessments, alternate TCAP assessments, and end-of-course examinations, administered in the 2020-2021 school year shall not be used to identify a school as a priority school or to assign a school to the achievement school district.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-617, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding subsection (a), scores on Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests, which include, but are not limited to, TNReady assessments, English learner assessments, alternate TCAP assessments, and end-of-course examinations, administered in the 2020-2021 school year shall not comprise a percentage of a student's final grade for either the fall or spring semesters in the subject areas of mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies, unless including TCAP test scores results in a higher final grade for the student.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(a)(4)(B), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

The committee shall examine the effects of the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic on teacher and other educational staff pay and make recommendations concerning salary increases for teachers and other educational staff. The committee shall include its recommendations in its annual report.

SECTION 7. Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it. All other sections of this act take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.